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CITY ATTORNEY RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT ON SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS AND COUNCIL ACTION ON DEFENSE FOR FORMER COUNCILMEMBERS

DATE AND TIME: Today at 1:30 p.m.

**LOCATION: City Attorney's Office
1200 Third Avenue, Suite 1620
Downtown San Diego**

City Attorney Michael Aguirre will brief the news media regarding the following two matters:

- 1) Supports San Diego County Grand Jury Report released today: Service Level Agreements Equal Back Door Funding. Grand Jury report is attached.**
- 2) City Council Members must recuse themselves today from voting for defense contracts for former Council members in pension litigation, which include former Mayor Dick Murphy. In a memorandum dated April 24, 2006, the City Attorney opined that "the purported defense 'contracts' submitted by Council President Scott Peters to former council members are void and raise serious legal and ethical issues, compelling this Office to respond and issue a strong warning against a Council vote on this matter. The City Attorney strongly recommends that the Council recuse itself from participating in this item."**

The City Council will hear the issue this afternoon at 2 p.m., City Council Chambers.

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